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Portland Users of Ninety Nine's

GREETINGS.

Since our able secretary, Bob Chase, is away enjoying a well deserved vacation, the newsletter this month will lack the luster and bluster he has led us to expect. I will try to make this one as informative as possible, especially for those new members who have recently acquired a TI 99/4A and are still in the process of discovering all the avenues and pathways their new computer has now made accessible.

The last meeting held at FarWest Federal Savings & Loan in Raleigh Hills was a great success, with an increasing number of new faces and new members attending and participating.

Ted Peterson (our Vice President) presented a survey of some of the modules that are currently available and described briefly some of the more popular of these.

Chris Hildebran (who is 15 yrs old) brought along 2 graphic programs he has written and showed these to the group. I believe he also contributed the programs to our library. For anyone interested in a really interesting and unusual graphics program, check out Chris' programs - they are great. Thanks Chris and may this be the start of lots more to come. Perhaps some of you kids would like to start a junior section of PUNN - if so tell me.

When the meeting broke for the usual workshops and rap sessions Don Stephen took a corner of the room and presented an extremely useful and lucid technique for following a program, using color code lines, connecting various categories of the program eg. All print statements colored brown, all For next loops colored green and joined by vertical lines down the page indicating the flow of the program and a visual picture of the various commands and routines present in that program. I found this useful for debugging as well as writing or modifying a program. Don, thanks for a super idea, well prepared and presented. Hope you will continue to share your ideas with us.

The strength and value of our club can only be maintained and increased by your active participation. It is for this reason that I feel so gratified by the increasing number of people offering their comments and assistance. Chris Gray is doing an excellent job as publicity and P.R. chairman and Stan Stone's assistance with printing and library are definitely worthy of applause and thanks.

Gary Swendson has been appointed the Duty Roster Co-ordinator for the OMSI 2nd Annual Computer Show. TI products will be providing the complete system for our exhibit and will donate the computer to OMSI after the show.

Our members turned out in force to sign up for their duty offering, and I am certain Gary will have no problem keeping our table well staffed through the entire show. (If you have not yet volunteered, call Gary at 233-2926)

A number of people will be going to the San Francisco 99'er Fest to be held October 22-24.

Please note: airfare can be lower if we purchase them in quantity so if you plan to attend please let me know soon so we can make the necessary reservations and purchase the tickets. Also, people wanting to share a room need to let me know A.S.A.P.

Anybody able to provide a method for making the fan in the P-Box run quieter or replacing the fan with a quieter one, please let us know so we can publish the details.

I took the plunge and tried to build the Portland Computer Club's MODEM using their kit. Having never done any soldering I approached the task with some misgivings and apprehension - however, the help and encouragement of Bob Chase and Roger Giles assisted me over the hurdles and now I am the proud owner of an acoustic couple, direct connect, auto-answer, 300 & 1200 baud modem --- for less than \$150.00 and besides the back-ache and eye-strain, I must admit I'm proud to say "I did it.". I also broke down and joined the Source and Texnet. Ask me about it.

I hope we'll be seeing a lot of "you-all" over the next few weeks:-

QMSI Computer Show	October 1-3	9am to 5pm.
PUNN Club Meeting	October 5	7.30pm
(T.I. P-Box and cards presented by T.I. Staff)		
99'er Fest	October 22-24	(San Francisco)
PUNN Club Meeting	November 2	7.30pm
(Fest report) Note: venue - Lincoln S & L		
PUNN Club Meeting	December 7	7.30pm (Elections)

Mark these dates and plan on them.

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